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## ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

**CASE:** C14-2014-0114 (11712 North Lamar Rezoning) **Z.A.P. DATE:** September 2, 2014

**ADDRESS:** 11712 North Lamar Boulevard

**APPLICANT/OWNER:** Sheahan Business Center (Dennis W. Sheahan)

**AGENT:** Thower Design (A. Ron Thower)

**ZONING FROM:** LO                      **TO:** CS                      **AREA:** 3.01 acres

### **SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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### **ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

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**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:**

The property in question is currently developed with a Sheahan Business Center that contains a convenience storage use, an office use and a billboard sign. The property was annexed by the city on November 15, 1984 (case C7a-84-019). The applicant is requesting CS, General Commercial Services District, zoning for the site to bring the existing storage use on the property into conformance with the City of Austin Land Development Code.

The staff recommends GR-CO zoning for the first 450-feet of the property (Tract 1) and LO-CO for the remaining 285-310 feet of the site (Tract 2). The proposed 450-foot depth limit for Tract 1 is consistent with the location of existing commercial buildings on this site. The staff recommends GR-CO zoning for Tract 1 because the proposed zoning will allow for commercial development with frontage on North Lamar Boulevard, a major arterial roadway. The proposed rezoning is consistent with the commercial nature of the area. There is GR-CO, LO-CO, and LO zoning to the north and south of this. Surrounding commercial uses include restaurant and a personal services uses to the north, a consumer repair use to the south, and an automotive repair use to the east, across N. Lamar Boulevard. The staff's recommendation for the conditional overlay on Tract 1 is consistent with the approved zoning in case C14-03-0133, which rezoned a property to the north, and the approved zoning in case C14-05-0066, which rezoned the property to the south of this parcel of land. The existing convenience storage use on the site is a conditional use in the GR, Community Commercial District.

The proposed LO-CO zoning for Tract 2 will provide a transition in the intensity of uses to the west adjacent to the Walnut Creek residential neighborhood. In addition, Limited Office zoning on Tract 2 will allow for a greater protection of trees and reduced impervious cover along the Walnut Creek tributary.

The North Lamar Area Study recommends LO, Limited Office District, zoning for the properties in this area. However, the North Lamar Area Study has not been strictly upheld along this section of western side of North Lamar Boulevard, as intensive commercial uses have developed along the frontage of this arterial roadway.

**EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:**

	<b>ZONING</b>	<b>LAND USES</b>
<i>Site</i>	LO	Sheahan Business Center: Convenience Storage/Self Storage, Office/Warehouse (Capitel Communications), Billboard
<i>North</i>	GR-CO, LO-CO	Restaurant (Santorini Café), Personal Services (Food Heaven)
<i>South</i>	GR-CO, LO	Billboard, Consumer Repair Services (Appliance Austin Rebuilders)
<i>East</i>	LO	Automotive Repair (Guicho's Body Shop), Construction Sales and Services (Coburn & Company Commercial Painting and Wall Finishes)
<i>West</i>	SF-2	Single Family Residential Homes

**AREA STUDY:** North Lamar Area Study

**TIA:** Waived

**WATERSHED:** Walnut Creek

**DESIRED DEVELOPMENT ZONE:** Yes

**CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR:** N/A

**HILL COUNTRY ROADWAY:** N/A

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**NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:**

Austin Heritage Tree Foundation  
 Austin Independent School District  
 Austin Neighborhoods Council  
 Austin Northwest Association  
 Bike Austin  
 Friends of the Emma Barrientos MACC  
 Gracywoods Neighborhood Association  
 Homeless Neighborhood Association  
 North Park Estates Neighborhood Association  
 Pflugerville Independent School District  
 River Oaks Lakes Estates Neighborhood  
 SELTEXAS  
 Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group  
 Super Duper Neighborhood Objectors and Appealers Organization  
 The Real Estate Council of Austin, Inc.  
 Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association, Inc.  
 Yager Planning Area

**CASE HISTORIES:**

NUMBER	REQUEST	COMMISSION	CITY COUNCIL
C14-05-0066 (Trans: 11704-11706 North Lamar Boulevard)	LO to GR	7/05/05: Approved GR-CO zoning for Tract 1. The conditional overlay for Tract 1 will prohibit the following uses set out by staff: Automotive rentals, Automotive repair services, Automotive sales, Automotive washing (of any type), Business or trade school, Business support services, Commercial off-street parking, Exterminating services, Financial services, Funeral services, General retail sales (general), Hotel-motel, Indoor entertainment, Indoor sports and recreation, Off-site accessory parking, Outdoor sports and recreation, Pawn-shop services, Pet services, Research services, Service station, Theater, Community recreation (private & public), Congregate living, College and University facilities, Guidance services, Hospital services (limited), Private secondary educational facilities, Residential treatment and to prohibit drive-in service as an accessory use to restaurant general and limited, except to allow Food Sales as a permitted use. Approved LO-CO zoning for Tract 2.	8/04/05: Approved ZAP recommendation for GR-CO zoning (7-0); 1 <sup>st</sup> reading only  9/01/05: Approved GR-CO zoning (7-0); 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> readings

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		The conditional overlay will limit Tract 2 to NO (Neighborhood Office) development regulations, prohibit Medical uses, prohibit parking for uses developed on Tract 1, and require a minimum 100 foot development setback from the centerline of Walnut Creek. Vote: (7-1, C. Hammond-Nay; M. Hawthorne-Absent)	
C14-04-0133 (Lamar Zoning: 11800 North Lamar Boulevard)	DR, LO to GR	10/5/04: Approved staff's recommendation of GR-CO district zoning for Tract 1 and LO-CO district zoning for Tract 2. Additional condition for Tract 1 is LR development standards. The following uses are removed from the prohibited use list: Business or Trade School; General Retail Sales (General); Business Support Services; Consumer Repair Services; Financial Services, and Pet Services (9-0); K. Jackson-1 <sup>st</sup> , J. Martinez-2 <sup>nd</sup> .	10/21/04: Approved staff's recommendation of GR-CO zoning for Tract 1 and LO-CO zoning for Tract 2, with additional condition of 'LR' district development standards for Tract 1 (7-0); 1 <sup>st</sup> reading  11/4/04: Approved GR-CO zoning for Tract 1 and LO-CO for Tract 2 (7-0); 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> readings
C14-03-0162 (Rufi's Taqueria: 11800 North Lamar Boulevard)	LO to GR-CO	12/2/03 – Postponed at the request of staff, due to a notice error (9-0) 12/16/03 – Approved GR-CO, with added condition (8-0)	1/29/04: Approved GR-CO (5-0); all 3 readings
C14-00-2152 (11512 North Lamar Boulevard)	DR to LO-CO	8/22/00: Approved LO-CO. The CO prohibits access to North Bend Dr. and limits trips to 2,000 per day (8-0)	10/5/00: Approved LO-CO (5-0); all 3 readings
C14-00-2020 (12003 North Lamar Boulevard)	RR to GO-CO	4/18/00: Denied (6-0)	8/30/00: Withdrawn
C14-99-2055 (12300 North Lamar Boulevard)	RR to NO	11/16/99: Approved staff rec. of RR by consent (6-0-1, B. Baker-abstain)	9/21/00: Withdrawn-There was a mapping error, the property was already zoned NO.

**RELATED CASES:** C14-85-149 (North Lamar Area Study)  
C7A-84-019 (Annexation - November 15, 1984)

**ABUTTING STREETS:**

NAME	ROW	PAVEMENT	CLASSIFICATION	DAILY TRAFFIC
Lamar Boulevard	100'	60'	Major Arterial	N/A

**CITY COUNCIL DATE:** September 25, 2014

**ORDINANCE READINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup>

**ORDINANCE NUMBER:**

**CASE MANAGER:** Sherri Sirwaitis

**ACTION:**

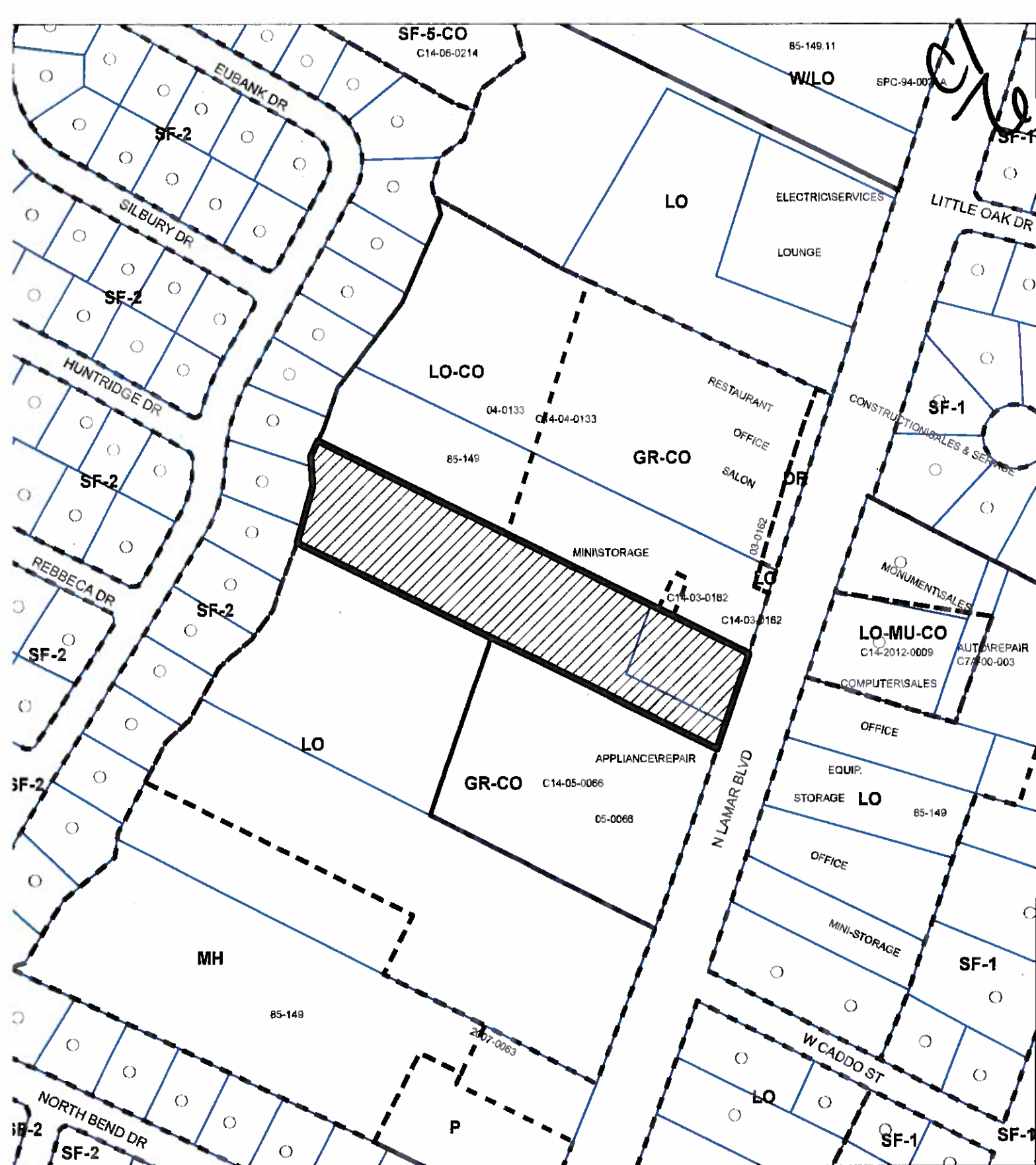
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

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**PHONE:** 512-974-3057

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 SUBJECT TRACT  
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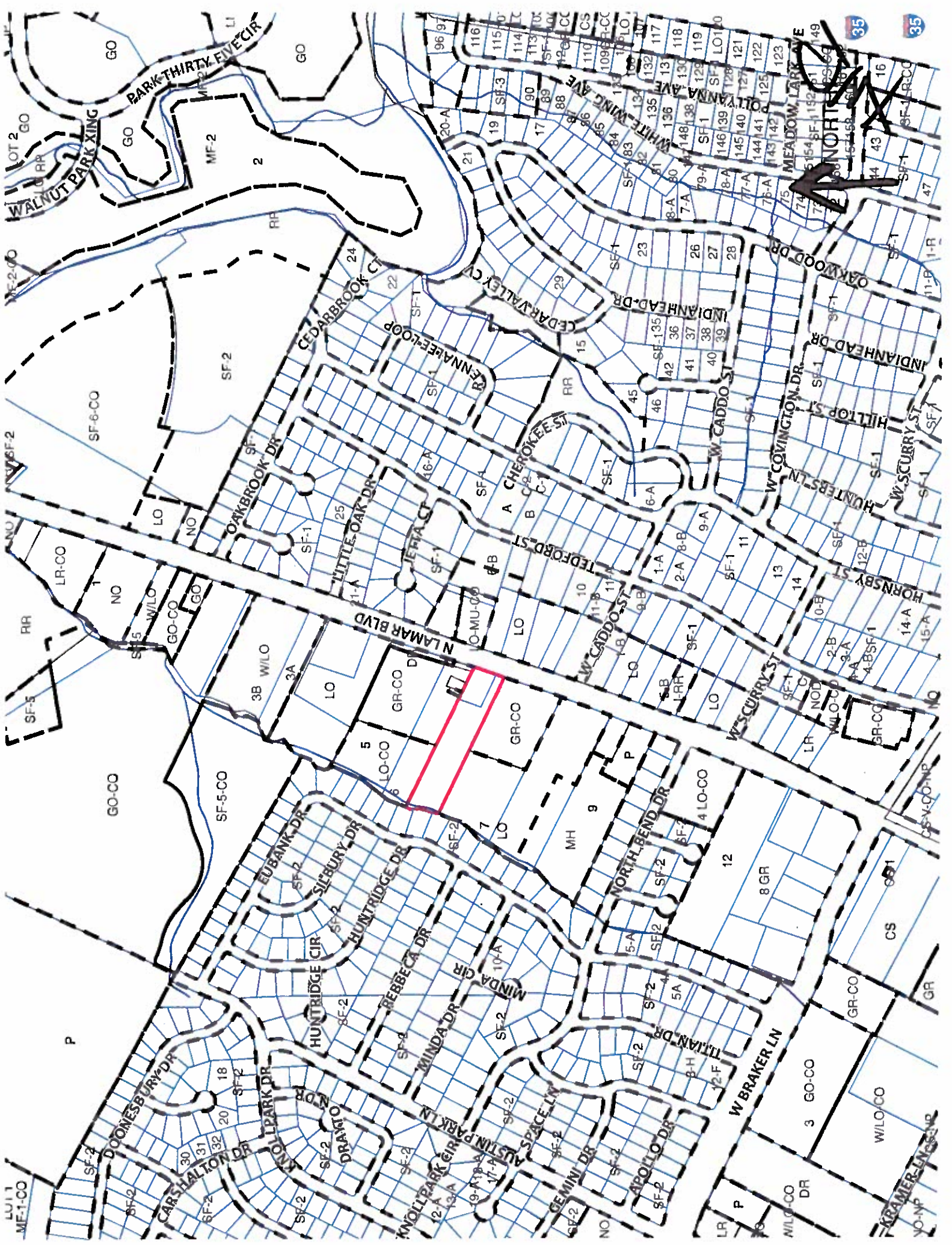


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## BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

*1. The proposed zoning should be consistent with the purpose statement of the district sought.*

The Community Commercial (GR) zoning district is the designation for an office or other commercial use that serves neighborhood and community needs and that generally is accessible from major traffic ways.

The Limited Office (LO) district is the designation for an office use that serves neighborhood or community needs and that is located in or adjacent to residential neighborhoods.

The applicant's request meets the purpose statement for the GR and LO zoning districts as set forth in the Land Development Code. The property in question fronts onto a major arterial roadway and will provide for services for surrounding neighborhood and community needs.

*2. The proposed zoning should promote consistency, and orderly planning.*

The proposed rezoning is consistent with the commercial nature of the area. There is GR-CO, LO-CO, and LO zoning to the north and south of this site. Surrounding commercial uses include

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restaurant and a personal services uses to the north, a consumer repair use to the south, and an automotive repair use to the east, across N. Lamar Boulevard.

The proposed LO-CO zoning for Tract 2 will provide a transition in the intensity of uses to the west adjacent to the Walnut Creek residential neighborhood. Limited Office zoning will also allow for a greater protection of trees and reduced impervious cover along the Walnut Creek tributary.

3. *Zoning should promote the policy of locating retail and more intensive zoning near the intersections of arterial roadways or at the intersections of arterials and major collectors.*

The subject tract is located on and takes access to North Lamar Boulevard, a major arterial roadway and an Activity Corridor as designated on the Growth Concept Map.

## EXISTING CONDITIONS

### Site Characteristics

The site is currently occupied with a convenience storage use, an office use and a billboard sign.

### Comprehensive Planning

#### LO to CS

This zoning case is located on the west side of N. Lamar Blvd. The property is approximately 3 acres in size and contains a commercial storage facility, which is not located within the boundaries of an area with an adopted neighborhood plan. Surrounding land uses includes a café/lounge to the north, a small commercial building to the south, single family houses to the west, and an auto body shop to the east. The proposed use is commercial.

### **Imagine Austin**

The Imagine Austin Growth Concept Map, found in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan (IACP) identifies this project as being located along an **Activity Corridor** (North Lamar). **Activity Corridors** are designated for additional people and jobs above what currently exists on the ground. Corridors are intended to allow people to reside, work, shop, access services, people watch, recreate, and hang out without traveling far distances. They are characterized by a variety of activities and types of buildings located along the roadway — shopping, restaurants and cafés, parks, schools, single-family houses, apartments, public buildings, houses of worship, mixed-use buildings, and offices.

The following Imagine Austin policies are relevant to this case.

- **LUT P1.** Align land use and transportation planning and decision-making to achieve a compact and connected city in line with the growth concept map.
- **LUT P4.** Protect neighborhood character by directing growth to areas of change that includes designated redevelopment areas, **corridors** and infill sites. Recognize that different neighborhoods have different characteristics and new and infill development should be sensitive to the predominant character of these communities.



- **N P1.** Create **complete neighborhoods** across Austin that have a mix of housing types and land uses, affordable housing and transportation options, and access to schools, retail, employment, community services, and parks and recreation options.

Based upon this property being: (1) situated along a **Activity Corridor** as designated on the Growth Concept Map; (2) located along the heavily travelled N. Lamar Boulevard, which contains a variety of commercial, warehouse and retail uses; and (3) the Imagine Austin policies referenced above that supports a variety of development, including commercial uses in this area of the city, staff believes that this projected is supported by Imagine Austin.

### Environmental

The site is not located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The site is in the Walnut Creek Watershed of the Colorado River Basin, which is classified as a Suburban Watershed by Chapter 25-8 of the City's Land Development Code. The site is in the Desired Development Zone.

According to floodplain maps, there is no floodplain within or adjacent to the project location. However, COA GIS shows a Critical Water Quality Zone located along the western portion of the property. Construction in the CWQZ is limited per LDC 25-8-261 and 262.

Standard landscaping and tree protection will be required in accordance with LDC 25-2 and 25-8 for all development and/or redevelopment.

Trees will likely be impacted with a proposed development associated with this rezoning case. Please be aware that an approved rezoning status does not eliminate a proposed development's requirements to meet the intent of the tree ordinances. If further explanation or specificity is needed, please contact the City Arborist at 512-974-1876. At this time, site specific information is unavailable regarding other vegetation, areas of steep slope, or other environmental features such as bluffs, springs, canyon rimrock, caves, sinkholes, and wetlands.

Under current watershed regulations, development or redevelopment requires water quality control with increased capture volume and control of the 2 year storm on site.

At this time, no information has been provided as to whether this property has any preexisting approvals that preempt current water quality or Code requirements.

### Impervious Cover

The maximum impervious cover allowed by the CS zoning district would be 95%. However, because the Watershed impervious cover is more restrictive than the CS zoning district's allowable impervious cover, the impervious cover on this site would be limited by the watershed ordinance.

Under current watershed regulations, development or redevelopment on this site will be subject to the following impervious cover limits:

<i>Development Classification</i>	<i>% of Gross Site Area</i>	<i>% of Gross Site Area with Transfers</i>
Single-Family (minimum lot size 5750 sq. ft.)	50%	60%
Other Single-Family or Duplex	55%	60%
Multifamily	60%	70%
Commercial	80%	90%

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Note: The most restrictive impervious cover limit applies.

### **Site Plan**

Any new development on this site will be subject to *Subchapter E: Design Standards and Mixed Use*. Additional comments will be provided upon submittal of a site development permit application.

This site is subject to compatibility standards. Along the west property line, the following standards apply:

- No structure may be built within 25 feet of the property line.
- No structure in excess of two stories or 30 feet in height may be constructed within 50 feet of the property line.
- No structure in excess of three stories or 40 feet in height may be constructed within 100 feet of the property line.

Additional design regulations will be enforced at the time a site plan is submitted.

### **Stormwater Detention**

At the time a final subdivision plat, subdivision construction plans, or site plan is submitted, the developer must demonstrate that the proposed development will not result in additional identifiable flooding of other property. Any increase in stormwater runoff will be mitigated through on-site stormwater detention ponds, or participation in the City of Austin Regional Stormwater Management Program if available.

### **Transportation**

The Austin Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan calls for a total of 140 feet of right-of-way for N. Lamar Boulevard. If the requested zoning is granted, then 70 feet of right-of-way should be dedicated from the existing centerline of N. Lamar Boulevard in accordance with the Transportation Plan. [LDC, Sec. 25-6-51 and 25-6-55).

A traffic impact analysis was waived for this case because the applicant agreed to limit the intensity and uses for this development. If the zoning is granted, development should be limited through a conditional overlay to less than 2,000 vehicle trips per day. [LDC, 25-6-117]

According to the Austin 2009 Bicycle Plan Update approved by Austin City Council in June, 2009, bicycle facilities are existing and/or recommended along the adjoining streets as follows: N. Lamar Blvd serves route no. 43 with an existing Shared Lane and recommended Wide Shoulder.

Capital Metro bus service (route nos. 1L and 101) is available along N. Lamar Boulevard.

Existing Street Characteristics:

Name	ROW	Pavement	Classification	Sidewalks	Bike Route	Capital Metro
N. Lamar Blvd.	112'	65'	Arterial	No	Yes	Yes



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### **Water and Wastewater**

The landowner intends to serve the site with City of Austin water and wastewater utilities. The landowner, at own expense, will be responsible for providing any water and wastewater utility improvements, offsite main extensions, utility relocations and or abandonments required by the land use. The water and wastewater utility plan must be reviewed and approved by the Austin Water Utility for compliance with City criteria and suitability for operation and maintenance. Depending on the development plans submitted, water and or wastewater service extension requests may be required. All water and wastewater construction must be inspected by the City of Austin. The landowner must pay the City inspection fee with the utility construction. The landowner must pay the tap and impact fee once the landowner makes an application for a City of Austin water and wastewater utility tap permit.





Attachment A





## PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

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Public Hearing: Sep 2, 2014, Zoning and Platting Commission  
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HOWARD C. TANNER

Your Name (please print)

901 REGGIE DRIVE

Your address(es) affected by this application

Howard C. Tanner

Signature

8/10/14

Date

Daytime Telephone: 512 836-1228

Comments:

be preserved

The existing "LO" zoning should be in the western 1/2 of tract to better industrial activities away from the homesites on EVANKE DRIVE

If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to:

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Planning & Development Review Department

Sherri Sirwaitis

P. O. Box 1088

Austin, TX 78767-8810

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*Ellis & Redding (owner) Southwest Architects (tenant)*

Your Name (please print): *Kiss Redding*

*11804 North Lamar Blvd*

Your address(es) affected by this application

*[Signature]*

Signature

Daytime Telephone: *(512) 836-0667*

*8/11/14*

Date

Comments: *We welcome re-development.*

☒ I am in favor  
☐ I object

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*[Handwritten initials]*